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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant hereby extends his sincere thanks to the Examiner for conducting telephonic interviews on March 13 and 20, 2006.

The Examiner rejected claims 21-29, 41-48 and 59-62 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly obvious over the Schwob patent in view of the Jorgen article. Pursuant to the interviews, applicant has amended base claims 21 and 41 to more clarify the claimed invention. As the Examiner agreed, amended claims 21 and 41 would overcome the cited art including Schwob and Jorgen.

As explained to the Examiner in the interviews, the claimed invention is directed to a system and method for providing, in a vehicle, information from information sources outside the vehicle, e.g., entertainment programs broadcast from radio stations. In an embodiment of the invention, radio stations are grouped according to geographic areas. Representations of the radio stations are stored in a memory in association with the geographic areas. These geographic areas may be identified by their global positioning system (GPS) coordinates. The inventive system presents a group of representations of radio stations on a display for selection which are associated with the geographic area which the vehicle is in. The inventive system determines whether the current location of the vehicle is within a predetermined range of a second geographic area. If it is, a second group of representations of radio stations associated with the second geographic area are retrieved from the memory and presented on the display for selection, instead. *See* page 42, line 10 *et seq.* of the specification, Fig. 18.

Schwob discloses a broadcast receiver. Schwob, among others, fails to teach or suggest a processor for “determining whether the vehicle is within a predetermined distance from a second location, a second set of indicators indicating a second group of information sources being provided when it is determined that the vehicle is within the predetermined distance from the second location, the second group of information sources being preselected to be associated with the selection location,” as amended claims 21 and 41 now recite. Nor does Jorgen teach or

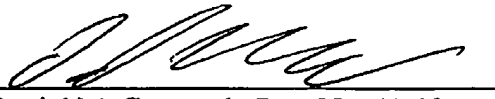
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suggest such claim limitations. Thus, claims 21 and 41, together with their dependent claims, are patentable over Schwob in view of Jorgen.

Since the present Amendment has been made to more clarify the claimed invention, no new issue has been raised. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter the Amendment.

In view of the foregoing, each of claims 21-29, 41-48 and 59-62, as amended, is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of these claims is requested and allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

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